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"HUMILIATING DEMAND" ON BRITAIN BY U. S. L.S. Amery On American Desire For Abolition Of Empire Preference

MARINE GUILTY OF RAPE

Shanghai, Jan. 22.
A United States naval general court-martial in Peiping this morning found United States Marine Corporal William G. Pierson guilty of the charge of raping a 19-year-old schoolgirl, Miss Shen Chung, at Peiping on Christmas Eve, after a four day trial, according to reports today from Peiping.

Altogether five charges were preferred against Pierson, of which rape was the first, the maximum penalty of the offence being life imprisonment. The court found not proved charge two—assault with intent to commit a rape—and charge four—conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

The court dropped charge three—fornication—and changed charge five—scandalous conduct tending to the destruction of good morals.

Pierson had pleaded not guilty to charges, one, two, four and five, and declined to contend charge three.

Chinese pressmen were conspicuously absent from this morning's final session, following the greatest earlier interest which is probably due to the lunar new year holiday.

Pierson, born on March 23, 1923, enlisted on July 24, 1941. He had no previous convictions. The trial of the second accused, the United States Marine who accompanied Pierson, is scheduled for next week by court-martial.—Reuter.

Suicide Attempt In Dock

Jerusalem, Jan. 23.
An Arab gunman with nine previous convictions and as many aliases, who is already serving five years prison sentence, tried to commit suicide with a rusty razor blade in the dock of a British military court here tonight.

When the President of the Court said: "You have been found guilty of yet another gun-carrying offence," the accused, Mohammed Seliet Yusti Mograbi, slumped to his knees between two police guards. Blood spurted from the wound in his neck and the military prosecutor, Major George Ramsay, rushed across the court room to give first aid. Mograbi was taken to hospital by an ambulance for an emergency operation and his condition was reported to be "serious."—Reuter.

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Must Be Free To Make Bargains

London, Jan. 23.
The United States demand for the elimination of Empire Preference was described as "humiliating" by Mr. L. S. Amery, President of the Empire Industries' Association and former Conservative Cabinet Minister, speaking at the annual meeting of the Association today.

Submission would mean abandonment of protection for British domestic industries and agriculture, and Britain would have to face unlimited competition in her home market.

He warned: "We are living in a world of sheer delusion if we think that there is a ghost of a chance of our paying our way in the world of open cut throat-price competition."

"American manufacturers want to find an immediate outside market for the immense surplus of their mass production. They want to find jobs for 60,000,000 Americans by trebling their exports. For that purpose, they want to keep the rest of the world broken up into small economic compartments, prevented by low tariffs from competing with America even in their own markets and still less capable of competing with America in neutral markets."

"If we submit to their humiliating demand for the elimination of all Empire Preference, that will be the end of the position in which the Empire takes four times as high a proportion of its manufactures from us as compared with foreign countries."

On Fair Terms

"We must get rid of the most favoured nation clause at its rate in its so-called unconditional form and be free to make bargains on fair give-and-take terms with individual foreign countries that wish to trade with us."

"We of the Empire Industries Association have from the first warned our fellow countrymen and so far as we could the American public also that while the loan itself was a perfectly reasonable business proposition, the irrelevant conditions with which it was coupled could never be fulfilled and that any attempt to fulfil them would make the repayment of the loan itself impossible."—Reuter.

"CHALK PIT" MURDER CASE

London, Jan. 23.
Mrs. Maggie Evelyn Brook, a 66-year-old widow, who is one of the leading figures in the "Chalk Pit" murder case, gave evidence when hearing was resumed today at the London magistrates court.

The prosecuting counsel alleged at last week's hearing that the victim, whose body was found in a chalk pit in Surrey last December, was kidnapped in order to force a confession that he had been blackmailing Mrs. Brook.

The instigator of the whole affair, which led to the death of a young barman, John Mudie, was Thomas Ley, 65-year-old former Minister of Justice in New South Wales, who was "insanely jealous" of Mrs. Brook, the counsel alleged.

Today, Mrs. Brook said that she knew Mr. Ley in Australia and followed him to Britain. "Since then," the prosecutor asked, "on what terms have you been with Mr. Ley?"

The witness, in a voice that was inaudible, said: "We lived together."

She declared that she had met Mudie only and then in the presence of her landlady. On one occasion, she said, Mr. Ley "accused me of being my son-in-law's mistress," adding: "He was always jealous of me."

Not Blackmailed

Mr. Ley's accusations about her and Mudie went on for a long time. She denied ever having been blackmailed by Mudie.

The next witness was John William Buckingham, whose father was originally accused also of murder, but who is now a witness for the Crown.

Buckingham described the part he played in bringing Mudie from the Regate Hotel, where he was barman, to Mr. Ley's London house

All Safe In AGRS Plane

Shanghai, Jan. 22.
The American Graves Registration service plane, which has been missing since it took off from Shanghai on Saturday morning bound for Canton, made a forced-landing at Linping, about 100 miles north of Canton, according to a private cable received here today.

The sender of the message—a warrant officer—said that he was safe but made no mention of the other twelve occupants.

A special patrol of B-17's and B-29's from Okinawa joined the United States army and navy planes this morning in search of the missing plane, before news was received of the forced landing.

The plane's occupants comprised seven American Army personnel and six Chinese-American G.I.s—Reuter.

13 Occupants
Shanghai, Jan. 23.
All thirteen occupants of the United States Army Graves Registration Service C-47 plane, which made a forced-landing on Saturday at Linping, about 100 miles north of Canton, are safe, according to reports received here today.

A flying-fortress search plane, based in Shanghai throughout the day, awaiting weather improvement to rush supplies to Linping.—Reuter.

Reprieved
To Be
Guinea-Pig

Hamburg, Jan. 21.
Polish women under sentence of death were reprieved on agreeing to undergo experiments with gas gangrene, SS Doctor Rolf Kossin, one of the 10 accused members of the Ravensbrück Concentration camp staff said in evidence here today.

The operations were carried out by Dr. Behrhard who had an "international reputation" and patients were selected by an SS woman, Rosenthal said.

Incisions were made in their legs and the gas gangrene inserted.

Rosenthal admitted giving injections to inmates of the camp, but said these were only to ease dying women. He told the court he had been sentenced by the SS to 8½ years imprisonment in Sachsenhausen, for having illicit relations with a Polish general's wife in Ravensbrück. Towards the end of the war he had been sentenced to be shot but escaped and surrendered to the Allies.—Reuter.

Plan For
Palestine

London, Jan. 22.
The belief that the British Government may now have formulated a plan for Palestine was expressed in quarters close to the Jewish Agency "shadow delegation" now assembling in London.

The British policy may be revealed when the Palestine Conference is resumed in London next week, these quarters say.

In general terms they think it must be an effort to compromise between the Jewish demands for a national home and increased immigration and the Arab opposition to any form of partition and to further immigration.

The Jewish Agency is standing firmly by the decision to boycott the Conference, but several of its most influential leaders have come to London as "shadow delegation."—Reuter.

SIGNAL FOR MORE TERRORISM?

Jerusalem, Jan. 24.
Sir Evelyn Barker, commander of the British forces in Palestine, today confirmed the death sentence against Dov Gruner, a member of the Jewish terrorist organisation Irgun Zvai Leumi.

A military court in Jerusalem passed the sentence for Gruner's participation in an armed attack on the police fortress in Ramat Gan in April last year.

If Gruner's sentence is executed it is believed that Irgun gang will attempt retaliation as they repeatedly threatened they would.—United Press.

The Cost In
Palestine

London, Jan. 22.
Seventy-three British subjects were murdered in Palestine last year, said Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, in reply to a question in the House of Commons today.

Fifteen of them were Palestine policemen, 45 were members of the British forces and 13 civilians.

Mr. Jones stated that no culprit had been convicted was greeted with surprised cries of "Oh." He agreed with former Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Stanley, Conservative, that it would have been possible to convict culprits if more co-operation had been received from the Jewish community in Palestine.

"That is the position. We have difficulty in collecting exact information regarding these most tragic incidents," Mr. Jones declared.—Reuter.

S'PORE STRIKE

Singapore, Jan. 22.
The Municipal President, Mr. Lazarus Rayman, said today that he was willing to submit to Government arbitration the strike of municipal workers.

The workers, who came out on strike yesterday, maintained that they were against arbitration and wanted a direct reply from Mr. Rayman to their demand for higher pay.—Reuter.

ANOTHER CHILD
MURDERED

Scotland Yard's ace homicide investigators joined the hunt for the killer of 10-year-old Sheila Gowrie yesterday, after noting striking similarities between the death of Manchester's "Little Red Riding Hood" and four-year-old Norma Dale, who was found murdered on a lonely Yorkshire moor last September.

In June last, 12-year-old Muriel Joan Drinkwater was found near Swansea, Wales, shot with a .45 automatic pistol similar to those issued to United States troops; in July Sheila Martin, 11, was found strangled with her hair ribbon at Fawkham Green, Kent and in September, four-year-old Norma May Dale was found strangled on some waste ground near York.

The right shoe was missing from each body and both little girls died of strangulation. The bodies of both had been carried from the scene of the crime.

The body of the Gowrie child, killed while carrying a gift of food to her grandmother, was found huddled against the back door of her home yesterday. Unlike Norma Dale, she apparently had not been raped, Police said.

Because of "some remarkable similarities" between the crimes, London authorities announced, Scotland Yard dispatched two investigators to the scene without the formalities of waiting a request for help from the Manchester Criminal Investigation Department.

The main lines of investigation followed the theory that the Gowrie child was killed by a man, but police said that she may have been strangled by a woman or a boy.

"At present all possibilities must be probed," a police spokesman declared.

Shoe Found

Detectives, after a night of combing the working-class district in which the little girl lived, yesterday discovered her missing right shoe in a back yard two doors from the Gowrie home.

Still sought was the can of meat Sheila was taking to her grandmother's and which was never delivered.

Police admitted failure to establish a motive for the crime.

The child's clothes were still clean and there were no signs that she had struggled against her attacker.—Associated Press.

Fourth Murder

Reuter adds that this is the fourth child murder in Britain during the past seven months.

GIRL STOWAWAY'S VAIN SUICIDE BID

Shannon Airport, Jan. 23.
An attempt to end her life by throwing herself into the churning propellers of a 3,800 horsepower Constellation at Shannon Airport this afternoon was made by 37-year-old Russian born woman stowaway Anna Zemit, who after crossing the Atlantic from Paris was eventually discovered on board an aircraft at Newfoundland and sent back.

Last night Zemit was detained in Limerick gaol by the police and held in custody at the airport all morning to await the arrival of a special plane from Paris.

When taken to the plane she tried to reach the propeller blades but when she was within twenty yards of them, she was seized by an airport policeman. She was taken back into custody. Later there was an urgent call for a doctor as the woman became hysterical.

Several times, according to officials guarding her, she had threatened to take her life. "It would save me the misery of going back to Paris" was what she told an Air France woman representative, Tessa Marlon, when later in the afternoon she boarded the aircraft quietly but made every effort to avoid press photographers. The aircraft then left for Paris at 16.00 hours. (GMT).

Anna's Story

Anna claimed that she was fleeing from France but would not say from whom. She told Reuter she feared being sent back to France "where there is trouble awaiting me," and added: "I would rather spend my life in an Irish prison than go back to Paris."

Anna's address was given as Hotel Saint Philippe Roule, No. 3, Rue des Courcelles, Paris.

Claiming to be the first successful Atlantic stowaway on a commercial airline, she left Paris by Air France a few days ago, travelling via Iceland, until finally discovered when the plane arrived in Newfoundland.

She also told Reuter she had been in an S.S. prison at Karlsruhe, Germany, and in 1945 was sentenced to be shot but with others jumped off a train between Munich and Stuttgart.—Reuter.

BEVIN ILL

London, Jan. 22.
It was learned today that Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, has been ill during the weekend. He has now recovered and resumed his duties at the Foreign Office today.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, Jan. 22.
Flogging as a punishment in Palestine will in future only be administered to youths of 16 years and under, according to an announcement in the "Palestine Gazette." Previously youths of up to 18 years of age were liable to flogging.—Reuter.

Belgrade, Jan. 22.
Thirty-six dead and 28 injured have been recovered so far from the coal mine at Dorog, northern Hungary, where a violent explosion occurred on Monday, according to an agency report.—Reuter.

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La Success, N.Y., Jan. 23.
The United Nations Economic and Employment Commission today agreed to recommend to the Economic and Social Council the establishment of economic commissions for Europe and the Far East.

The last meeting today agreed to recommend the establishment as soon as possible of an economic commission for the Far East without waiting for a report from the working group studying Far Eastern war devastation problems.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

A strong anticyclone covers China and the neighbouring seas and pressure is also moderately high over Japan. Dr. predictions to the E.E. and E. of Japan are moving E. Pressure remains low over the equatorial regions.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E and NE winds (shore); strong NE offshore; cloudy-becoming partly cloudy during the day.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 61 deg. F.
Minimum: 55 deg. F.
Sunshine: 0.1 hours
Rainfall: 1.2 mm. Total since Jan. 1: 40.6 mm. as against an average of 24.6 mm.

Headwinds at:
10 a.m. 102.1 m.h.
1 p.m. 102.1 m.h.
4 p.m. 102.1 m.h.
8 p.m. 102.1 m.h.
Sea: 1-2 ft. swell, 1-2 ft. chop.
Wind direction: WNW E by N.
Wind force: 9 knots.

STABBED HIMSELF 300 TIMES

Chichester, Jan. 21.
An 83-year-old Army major who died after stabbing himself 300 times with a pair of nail scissors was stated at the inquest today to have over 200 wounds in the scalp as well as others on his face, hands and forearm.

A verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was not normal was returned.—Reuter.

Girl Tied Up In Trunk

Toledo, California, Jan. 22.
American police in four states were today hunting the man who kidnapped Alice Devine, beautiful 17-year-old daughter of a wealthy Californian fruit grower, who returned here unharmed after being missing for 26 hours.

Describing the kidnapping, the head of the local detective bureau said that the kidnapper had trussed up the girl and put her in a trunk with her hands and feet bound with adhesive tape. After taking the trunk into a cottage, he released her from the trunk but left her bound. After three hours she freed herself and telephoned the sheriff for assistance.

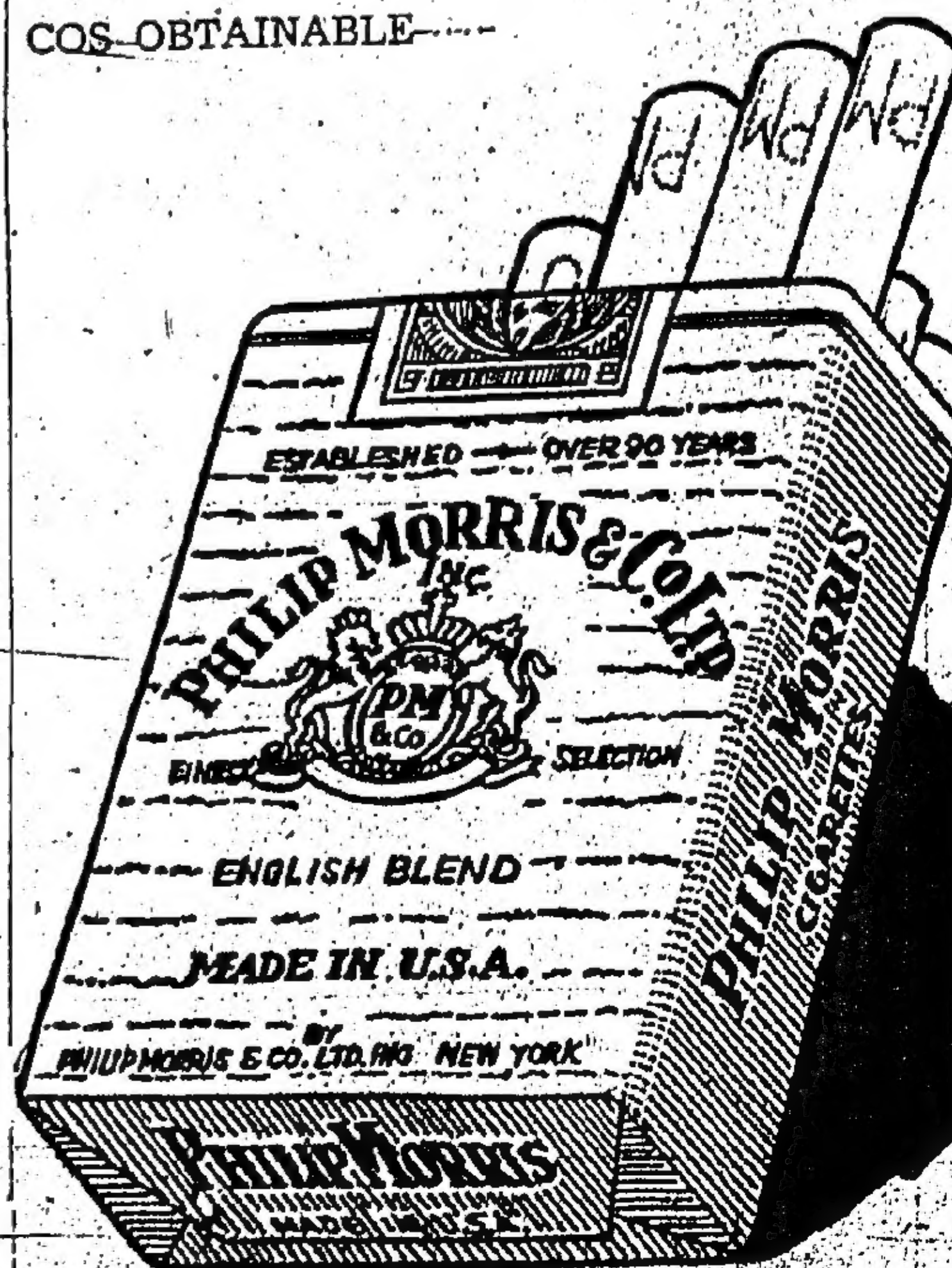
The police bureau chief said that he thought the publication of reports of the kidnapping had prevented capture of the kidnapper.

Miss Devine was reported by a local paper to have gone with agents of the FBI to the place designated by her captor for the paying of a ransom of \$10,000, but he did not show up. Miss Devine's father had also started with the ransom money but was told before reaching the rendezvous that his daughter was safe.—Reuter.

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EXECUTED POW's PATHETIC LETTER

A pathetic farewell letter of the late Mr. Carlos Henrique Basto prior to his execution by the Japanese at Stanley on Sept. 1, 1944, was read by Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro before Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court yesterday when application for leave to swear the death of Mr. Basto was granted.

Substantiating the application, Mr. d'Almada also read an affidavit of Mr. F. E. d'Almada Remedios, which stated: "On Aug. 27, 1944, C. H. Basto, late of the Lusitano Club, with others, including myself, were arrested by the Japanese on charges of being alleged British spies."

"We were interned at Stanley and tried by the Japanese Military Court on Aug. 29, 1944, which pronounced the death sentence on Basto."

Continuing Mr. Remedios said that he believed Mr. Basto was executed by the Japanese on Sept. 1.

Mr. d'Almada then read parts of Mr. Basto's farewell letter which he described as pathetic.

In the same Court, Sir Henry also granted the application submitted by Mr. C. Y. Kwan for presuming the death of Mr. Joe Wing Bow, an American-born Chinese in Houston, Texas, who was believed to have been captured and killed by the Japanese on Aug. 11, 1945, in Canton while serving in the American Army as a technical sergeant.

According to an affidavit of his widow, Joe Wing Shi, she last saw him on July 29, 1947, when he left here for the United States to carry on his business.

Throughout the war, she heard nothing from him. On Oct. 11, 1946, she received a letter, dated Aug. 28, 1945, from the U.S. War Department, which informed her that her husband was reported missing in action in Canton on Aug. 11, 1945.

Behind Lines

The record in the possession of the War Department showed that, while operating behind the Japanese lines, the deceased was, on June 24, 1945, sent to Canton on a mission.

On Aug. 28, 1945, thousands of leaflets were posted in Canton and the nearby villages, while advertisements were inserted in many Chinese newspapers.

After a lapse of 12 months, the War Department wrote a letter to his widow on Aug. 12, 1946, notifying her that her husband had been probably captured and killed by the Japanese in Canton.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was also granted by Sir Henry his application for leave to swear the death of Mr. Chau Ming, who was on board Pak Ngan Maru which struck a mine and sank about Aug. 28, 1945, on the way from Hong Kong to Canton.

Shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday, a fire broke out at the premises of the Yick Kwan Dispensary, 69 Queen's Road Central. Three appliances were despatched from Central Fire Station and the fire was soon brought under control. The fire, origin of which is not known, occurred in the basement, where a large quantity of medicines and drugs are stored.

STI Clerk On Bribe Charge

Judgment was reserved by Mr. Sainsbury in the case in which Tsang Chung-wan, a clerk of the S.T. and I., was charged with accepting a bribe of \$50 in connection with the issuing of an export permit on Jan. 13.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain was for the prosecution and accused was defended by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon. Defendant, said Mr. Shaftain, was a clerk in the S.T. and I. and part of his duties was to examine applications for export permits.

On or about Jan. 4, Sum Wun-wa, the complainant, went to the S.T. and I. office to enquire about the export of certain material to Macao. He saw accused who informed him that the permit could be obtained on payment of \$2 a piece of cloth. The complainant went away and returned on Jan. 13 to submit his application for a certain amount of cloth. Accused asked for \$80. Complainant told him that the cloth was not prohibited cargo. Accused said that a licence was necessary. A bargain took place and the sum of \$50 was finally agreed between them. The application was left behind and complainant was to come the following day. On his way-out he saw the notice warning the public against paying money to Government servants.

He then went to see some one in authority but the office boy would not let him in unless he could state his business. This he was reluctant to do and went to Mr. Shaftain instead. He was given certain instructions and returned to the S.T. and I. the following morning with a marked \$50 note.

Accused was then busy but when the two were alone accused pushed a piece of blotting paper to complainant and told him to put the money inside. This he did, got his permits and left. At a given signal Inspector Darwin came in and found the note between the blotting paper and arrested accused.

"A Trap"
Questioned, accused said that it was a trap someone had placed for him.

Accused denied that he knew anything about the affair. He did not know who put the money there or how the money was there. He added that complainant had some trouble with him sometime previous about granting permits.

He was earning \$234 as a clerk. As a footballer he was given meals by South China on playing and practice days and lodgings were found for him. In addition he had been left some money by his father.

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NO REACTION

Moscow, Jan. 21.
The Soviet press and radio were today still silent on the British Government's note to the Soviet Union—handed over three days ago—rejecting the "Pravda" suggestion that Mr. Ernest Bevin had disavowed the Anglo-Soviet treaty.
No reaction whatever could be detected in the capital.—Reuter.

FEATI Enquiry

Manila, Jan. 23.
The Times reported that Eugenio Lopez, President of FEATI testifying at the hearing of the air accident investigating board, assumed all responsibility for the instructions issued to the pilot of the ill-fated Miss Luzon to make the Shanghai-Manila flight with passengers.

The report said Lopez assumed that responsibility when he found out that the pilot, Noel Worley, was duly licensed. Lopez admitted having wired Worley, in Shanghai, on Jan. 2, ordering him to take no passengers because he believed Worley had no licence, but after it had been disclosed, he sent another radiogram allowing the taking of passengers.

As to the change of a motor, Lopez told the Board it was for the Operations Director, not the pilot, to determine if the plane could safely make the trip.—United Press.

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Hongkong, 20th Jan. 1947.

GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG MEDICAL DEPARTMENT NOTICE MIDWIVES

The following extract from the Midwives Ordinance No. 22 of 1910 is published for information.

"Every certified and enrolled woman who desires her name to be retained on the roll on its next annual publication shall give notice of such desire in writing to the Secretary in the month of January and shall pay a retention fee of one dollar."

"Every such notice shall contain such particulars as may be required by the regulations to secure the identification of the person giving it; and every woman who omits to give any of the said notices, or knowingly or wilfully makes or causes or procures any other person to make any false statement in any such notice, shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars."

The retention fee should be paid to the Secretary, Midwives Board, on Mondays to Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Post Office Building, 3rd floor, before the end of January, 1947. Failure to pay the retention fee by due date will result in the exclusion from the roll of the name of the midwife concerned.

WARNING

The public is hereby warned that on and after 1st February, 1947, proceedings will be taken against any person found practising midwifery in contravention of the Midwives Ordinance, (No. 22 of 1910):

P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services,
Hongkong, 21st January, 1947.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Personnel who served in the Nursing Services under the Civilian Medical Defence Scheme during the hostilities in Hong Kong in 1941 are requested to supply details of such service as soon as possible to the Director of Medical Services, Medical Headquarters, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor.

P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services,
Hongkong, 24th January, 1947.

HONGKONG-AUSTRALIAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

The Public are hereby notified that all Receiving, Storing and Delivery charges which have hitherto been paid by Steamship Companies will be for Consignees account in respect of all vessels commencing to load in Australia on and after the 15th January 1947.

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Will anyone who is in possession of, or who knows the whereabouts of books belonging to the LIBRARY kindly notify the Hon. Secretary. Telephone 21423.

Hongkong, 20th Jan. 1947.

HONG KONG NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 1 of 1947.

Hong Kong Harbour—Boring Operations

Position: An area bounded by Lat. 22 19' N. and Lat. 22 19' N. to the North & South and Long. 114 9' E. and Long. 114 8' E. to the East and West respectively.

Details: Boring Operations will take place in this area commencing on Monday, 27th January, 1947, until further notice.

Remarks: The craft carrying out this work will fly a large red flag by day and display a red light at night.

All craft must give this craft a wide berth and pass at dead slow speed.

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Harbour Department, Hongkong, 24th January, 1947.

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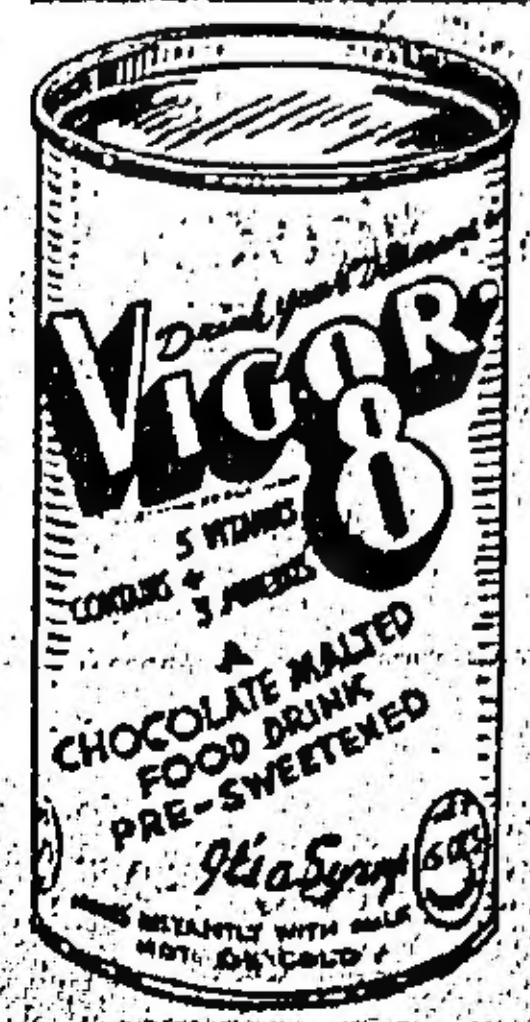


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YOUNGSAYE Snn. and Family thank all relatives and Friends for sympathies shown in their recent bereavement and also for their attendance at the funeral and the beautiful floral tributes sent.

DEATH

ALBERTON.—On Sunday, Jan. 12, 1947, at 4, Benson St., Hadleigh, Suffolk, Kathleen, beloved wife of Rowland, Maudland Alberton, of the London Mission, Hongkong.

AMERICA'S HOPES

When President Truman faced Congress to deliver his annual message he had several considerations to bear in mind. He had first to remember that the Republican Opposition was in control of both Houses. He could plead and cajole, but he could not demand and enforce. In the eyes of many people his political day was ended. He was carrying on as the nation's Chief Executive not because a majority of the people stood behind him, but because of the constitutional provision that Congressional elections be held every two years and Presidential elections every four. Yet he could not act as though he were a Republican President. He had to remember that he is still the leader of the Democratic Party and to remember, too, that this party is deeply divided. He must not say anything which would exaggerate its divisions or cause any more of its diverse elements to be sloughed off by politically inept proposals.

These considerations set the boundaries of the President's speech and limited what he could and could not say. It is to the President's credit that there should have been so much which subordinated party profit to the national interest, which demanded party harmony, and so much which was challenging to both parties and even affronted deep-rooted national prejudices in the interest of the wider responsibility which America bears to the world. The President asked particularly that the immigration gates should be opened more widely to displaced persons. "I do not feel that the United States has done its part." This request has immediately caused controversy. So many Americans appear strangely enough to combine strong sympathy with Europe's uprooted victims of war and political change with strong repugnance to admit them as neighbours and an equally strong insistence that the bars in Palestine and elsewhere should be raised. An equal balance of ideas on this subject would be a welcome contribution to a world problem.

VISIT TO MOSCOW

It is to be hoped—and can be believed—that the highly successful visit of Field-Marshal Montgomery to Moscow portends something more than a set scene of reciprocal greetings between victorious soldiers. Though the invitation originated in the comradeship of victory—it was extended by Marshal Stalin at the Potsdam Conference—much has happened since; and it was as C.I.G.S. of the post-war British Army rather than as the former head of the British Army of Liberation that the Field-Marshal made the journey. He had already been at pains to examine on the spot the military arrangements of the U.S.A. and Canada, and it appears that he was given a similar chance to examine Russian training establishments and methods—so far as four days were sufficient to do so.

He has himself declared that he went to Moscow "as a soldier," and it is unnecessary to attribute to his visit any more political importance than attached to a similar visit by Lord Wellington ten years ago. Nevertheless, the thought may be allowed to occur that the visit should do something to calm those (including a few suspiciously minded members of the House of Commons) who have professed alarm

Houses That Make Life More Pleasant

Faced with the need for providing 75,000 homes, with a labour force still only half its acute shortage of bricks, slates, glass and other essential materials, the British Government, aided by the local authorities, and the architects, is yet trying to play its housing programme both practically and aesthetically.

The ribbon-building indulged in after World War I is not to be repeated, and every effort is being made in the bombed areas and on new estates to design what is called a Neighbourhood Unit, containing its own shops, school, community centre, library and clinic.

Many London boroughs have schemes ready to go into operation the moment men and materials are available. On a

temporary dwellings, and the fullest employment of occupied houses, by voluntary sharing.

As the Royal Institute of British Architects points out in its "Building Now" Exhibition, Britain was the first country to erect a pre-fabricated building—the famous Crystal Palace, made in 23 days and put up in Hyde Park for the Great Exhibition of 1851. Though intended to last only six months, this huge building, re-erected at Sydenham when the exhibition closed, flourished for 85 years—until it was burned down in 1936.

Today, many types of pre-fabrication are being used in Britain, mostly for temporary buildings. However, the Ministry of Health, Aneurin Bevan has asked the larger towns and cities to place contracts at once for the British Iron and Steel Federation type of permanent pre-fabricated house. Made by the British Iron and Steel Industry to a standard design, the house has a steel framework, and the upper part of its external cladding is of painted steel sheets. It comprises a working kitchen, dining recess, living room, three bedrooms, fuel store and shed. The plumbing system is a simple, pre-fabricated one contained in a duct inside the building to prevent frozen pipes. Delivery of the house will start this month or next.

By JOHN LITTLEFIELD

9½ acre estate in Becher Street, Kensington, the local council is to erect 302 dwellings, giving a density of 32.5 homes and 136 persons per acre. There will be 20 houses of six rooms for the larger families up to eight persons; 48 four-room flats for families of five; 24 larger four-room flats which will accommodate six; 96 three-room flats for four persons; and 18 one-room flats for single people. These will be contained in three-storey blocks.

Social Amenities

There will also be eight-storey blocks, comprising—64 three-room flats for four persons and 32 two-room flats for two. The buildings, planned in a north-south direction to receive both morning and afternoon sun, will be separated by grassed and tree-planted courtyards. By raising the mid-section of the two eight-storey blocks by a floor-and-a-half above normal ground level, ample height is provided below for a social centre, with a tenants' club room in the front block, and a nursery play-room, with a milk bar in the rear block. All the flats have private balconies, and utility rooms with laundry appliances are provided in the three-storey blocks.

Camden Town, St. Pancras, Hackney and Finsbury have similar plans, while near-country estates at Letchworth, Loughton and other places on the fringe of London are designed to include open spaces, trees, playing fields. At Letchworth the proposed estate of 2,000 houses is based on a system of distributive and residential roads. The distributive roads become parkways, and contain trees, undergrowth and roughly-kept grass. The residential roads become garden closes and are staggered to avoid through-traffic and wind funnels.

On the 558-acre site at Loughton, Essex, where the London County Council plans a scheme, with some permanent pre-fabricated steel houses, Loughton Hall, a mansion with six acres of gardens and a paddock of 7½ acres, will remain—as a community centre. There will also be schools, shops, churches, refreshment houses and a cinema. Other L.C.C. plans include cottage estates at Chislehurst, Kent, and Chessington, Surrey. On the former they will build 3,500 homes on 455 acres, on the latter between 6,000 and 7,000 cottages on 800 acres. At Harrow, they are erecting 1,114 prefabricated houses of which 602 will be permanent, semi-detached three-bedroomed buildings.

Voluntary Sharing

These are the big schemes. Meanwhile, the daily drive to provide immediate homes goes on. Britain's nation-wide plan includes the building of permanent houses (mostly of the three-bedroomed variety), the erection of temporary houses (of the single-storey, two-bedroom type); the repairing, and adapting of existing buildings and the rehousing of empty houses; the conversion, where practicable, of war-time huts and hostels for use as

at supposedly exclusive military arrangements with the United States. There is, of course, nothing of the kind in the sense of any collaboration directed against anyone else. For the rest, the very warm welcome given to Lord Montgomery is particularly welcome as a further sign of the more conciliatory spirit evinced by Russia at recent international conferences. It shows also that the Russian leaders appreciate the contribution made by their Allies to victory, just as we appreciate and have always appreciated theirs.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"That last air you gave me wasn't any good!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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SAVING LENGTH VITAL

A little spot card may be more important than an ace or king when you are defending against an opponent's No Trump game contract. If you are up against a discarding problem as he runs his establishers, it is usually vital for you to hold protection against the longest suit which the declarer has in his own hand or the dummy. In such a situation, it may be wiser to throw off a top card in a shorter suit in order to keep from setting up the declarer's long one.

S. K J 9 4
H. 10 9 8 2
D. 2
C. K J 7 5
S. Q 10 8 7
H. A K 4
D. 8 6 5 3
C. 4 2
S. A 6
H. Q J 6 5
D. K Q J
C. Q 9 8 6

(Dealer: East, East-West vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 NT
What a minimum for a so-called "strong No Trump" bid by South, who surely lacked enough to go the rest of the way to North took him to 2 No Trumps. But he rated the weak defensive play of his opponents as worth about a trick to him. In that he proved right, though he also needed a bit of other luck, too, for his contract.

West led the diamond 3 to the A and South won the 7 then

with the K. He cleared out the club A with a lead to the K, and the diamond 4 eliminated his last stopper there. Obligated now to get his game before losing the lead, since the diamonds were set up against him, he scored three clubs. West had two discards to make, first picking the heart 4 and then—wanting to retain his heart honors plus a diamond to lead to East—made the fatal toss of his spade 7.

Declarer followed with his spade A, the spade J finesse and the spade K, which dropped the Q and set up the 9 for game trick. If West had not thrown off that spade 7, South could never have made his game. On that trick, he could have discarded either his diamond or else the heart A or K and thus beaten the contract because he would have headed off the fourth spade trick. He then would have finished with the last three tricks after South had only eight, instead of the last two after South had nine.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. K J 8 7 4
H. 8 4
D. 6 2
C. Q 7 4 2
S. 6
H. A Q J
D. 10 6
C. K 10 9
S. Q 5 2
H. 9 7 2
D. A K 10 7 3
C. A J

(Dealer: South, Neither side vulnerable.)
After West overcalls South's 1-Diamond with 1-Heart, what should North do?

Mufti Wanted Bombing Of Jerusalem

Nuernberg, Jan. 24.

German Air Force files revealed today what was stated to have been a request by the Mufti of Jerusalem to bomb Jerusalem in 1943. Reich Marshal Herman Goering rejected the idea as dangerous from a propaganda viewpoint.

The documents which disclosed the discussions within the Luftwaffe were brought to Nuernberg for possible use in American War Crimes trials. The Luftwaffe contemplated for a time, some air attacks on Palestine, the records show, particularly around Nov. 2, 1943, when the world Zionist meeting was held in Jerusalem.

"As an act of demonstration incidental to the Zionist Congress, an attack on one of the military objects on the coast might also be contemplated," the Luftwaffe Operations Staff wrote.

"An attack on the building in which the Congress will meet cannot enter into the question, as the place where the gathering will be held is not known. An attack for the sake of demonstration could perhaps be considered for the Jewish Agency, the office building of the highest Zionist Administrative body."

Mufti's Idea

Repeatedly, the Grand Duke of Kent, the Duke of Gloucester arrived back in England today after two and a half years as Governor-General of Australia. The first to greet him at the London airport was his sister-in-law, the Duchess of Kent.—Reuter.

ONRUSH OF THE CISSY AGE?

After the party comes the clearing up. And after the 1940-45 party, the Army is clearing up the English countryside.

Tank ditches, 30 or 40 feet wide and deep, miles and masses of barbed wire, unsightly pill-boxes, slit-trenches and weapons' water-logged in winter and messy in summer, marred the beauties of the countryside and needed farmers in their vital task.

On the coasts of Kent and Sussex, and to a lesser extent elsewhere, hundreds of thousands of defence posts remained abandoned, while inland training areas with similar blemishes fell into disuse. The Army set about clearing them, using all the troops available in Britain, including the Polish Resettlement Corps.

On the South Downs, at Storrington, near Worthing, I went to see No. 74 Mechanical Platoon at work. Behind them was evidence of what they had done—miles of tank-ditches filled in by giant D7 bulldozers, leaving a white-brown scar for nature to heal over with green. Other bulldozers were busy clearing barbed wire. The drill is to push the wire into a round mass, then dig a great hole with the bulldozer, push the wire in and cover it over with earth, making sure that it is buried deeply enough not to come to the surface to hurt grazing cattle or wandering lovers.

One of the headaches of the job is the problem of the pill-boxes, grey and ugly and comprising sometimes more than 400 tons of concrete. Many of them have been blown up with an explosion like a minor Bikini experiment, but blowing up pill-boxes in this case means a lot of tact and care in dealing with people who complain that the blast has done their ceilings no good and care that no hikers or cattle should get into the danger area. At Storrington three huge pill-boxes have been flattened, but two others will stay put because they are too near to houses and a main road, to be blown up.

The Sappers at Storrington like the job. They are outdoors and they are well clad against all kinds of weather. They live at a big mansion in Stammer Park, between Lewes and Brighton, run out to their work in lorries after breakfast, taking their dinner with them, park their bulldozers in the afternoon and get back to Stammer in time for tea and then they are free to take a handy bus to the flesh-pots of Brighton.

They have not found any buried treasure yet in their excavations, but they have found plenty of rabbits. Apparently rabbits are extremely stupid animals at times. Try to stalk them, and a slight sound will set them scurrying off to the safety of their burrows, but catch them in their burrows and they have no further ideas on the subject of safety.

Digging into the Downs to make burial holes for barbed wire, the bulldozers often uncover rabbit warrens. Sometimes the blades catch the rabbits, but more often the rabbit just covers in his hole, or what is left of it, too terrified to move or to think of the famous Bainesfather caption "If you know a better ole, go to it." The Sappers say the Downland bunnies are very tasty.

Release I.R.A. Men Appeal

Belfast, Jan. 22. Fifteen Nationalist and Labour Members of Parliament in Ulster have sent telegrams to the British Home Secretary urging release of members of the Irish Republican Army sentenced for outrages in England during the pre-war agitation. The outrages consisted mainly of planting "sulfate bombs" in station cloakrooms. The appeal for remission of their sentences follows the liberation of all political internees in Ulster last year and the Christmas release of fourteen young men sentenced for possession of firearms.—Reuter.

EISENHOWER ILL

Washington, Jan. 21. The War Department announced today that General Dwight D. Eisenhower, United States Chief of Staff and Allied commander on D-Day, is suffering from digestive trouble. This morning he entered hospital for observation.—Reuter.

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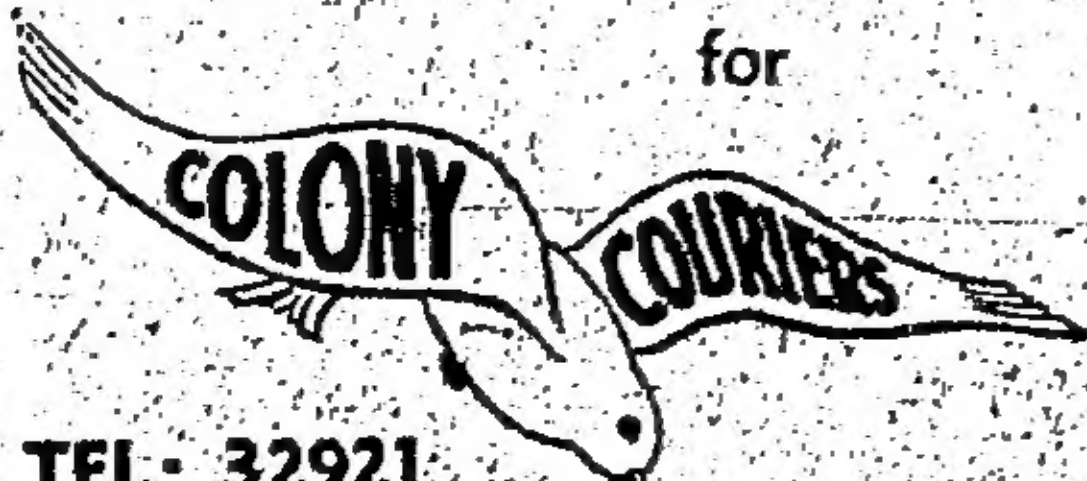
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BLUEPRINT FOR GERMANY
Return To Bismarck Type Of Government
Country Unfit For
Self-GovernmentWashington, Jan. 23.
The French Government has proposed in a note
submitted to the United States, Soviet Union
and United Kingdom a new constitution for
Germany, in which the German National
Parliament or Reichstag would be abolished
and Germany return to the Bismarck type of
Government in a loose decentralised con-
federation of comparatively independent Ger-
man states, Reuter learns authoritatively to-
day.The following are the details contained in the
hitherto unpublished note which the French
Government delivered to the other members
of the Big Four during the last few days.Firstly, Germany to be a
confederation of separate Ger-
man states, in which the chief
powers are invested in the
states and the Federal Govern-
ment functions limited to such
overall considerations as
finance, food, transportation,
posts and telegraphs and cer-
tain aspects of economic and
foreign affairs.Secondly, Assemblies within
each state to be appointed every
four years, and representatives
elected to the "House of
States".Thirdly, The House of States
to appoint every year a new
Federal President who would
himself appoint the Federal
Government for the above
functions.Fourthly, The State Govern-
ments to be responsible for all
other functions, to have their
own police force, to appoint
judges to the overall German
Supreme Court, to be able to
appoint Ambassadors to foreign
powers and negotiate state
matters with them but to be
forbidden to make alliances or
mergers with other states.Fifthly, "International treat-
ties for Germany as a whole
would have to be approved by
a two-thirds majority of the
House of States."**Australian Plan**Meanwhile the Australian
delegate to the conference of
special deputies for Germany
urged that the Germans are
unfit for self-government when
he made an important statement
on Australia's attitude to the
future of Germany today.Speaking on behalf of the
Australian Government, Lieut-
enant-Colonel William Hodgson
gave the following list of fac-
tors which ought to govern the
German peace settlement:1. There should be no Ger-
man Government for some
years to come.
2. The Germans are unfit
for self-government. Nothing
would be worse, he said, for
the peace of the world than
to hasten the formation of a
Central Government for the
sake of convenience.3. The general nature of the
peace settlement ought not to be
kept from the German people.
4. Before the final peace
settlement an Interim agree-
ment must be imposed on Ger-
many.Colonel Hodgson added that
premature signature of a peace
treaty would bring a future
German Government into dis-
repute and he quoted the exam-
ple of the current instability in
Italy, where the Italian Gov-
ernment is faced with the neces-
sity of signing an unpopular
peace treaty.He said that a distinction
must be made between the final
peace settlement and the cur-
rent administrative machinery.
Colonel Hodgson asked how far
the principle governing the
treatment of such current prob-
lems as de-Nazification, de-
militarisation and achievement
of economic unity were to go
forward into the final settle-
ment.The form of an Interim
agreement should be on the
lines of enlargement of the
Potsdam Agreement backed upby the sanction of all effective
belligerents.**British Support**The first practical step would
be enunciation of the principles
on which an Interim agreement
should be based.The next session of the
Council of Foreign Ministers in
Moscow should authorise an
Interim agreement and the
existing agreed agenda should
not be permitted to prove an
obstacle.This draft should cover the
principles to govern the final
peace settlement, including the
form of Government and deli-
mitation of frontiers and also
the principles for current ad-
ministrative control.A short discussion followed
Colonel Hodgson's statement,
during which Sir William
Strang, British deputy, indicat-
ed Britain's general sympathy
with the Australian standpoint
and gave the assurance that
Britain would do everything
possible to ensure a final solu-
tion along these lines.—Reuter.**Major Cousens Loses
His Commission**Sydney, Jan. 23.
Major Charles Hughes Cousens, against whom
charges of treason arising from wartime
Tokyo broadcasts were dropped, is to petition
the Governor-General to revoke the Army
Board's decision to cancel his commission.Former senior officers of the
Major's old division have pro-
tested strongly against the deci-
sion and members of the divi-
sion propose to hold a meeting
to decide how they can help
him.They are not going to let the
matter rest and will force the
issue one way or another, it was
stated.Brigadier Taylor, former
commander of Major Cousens'
brigade and an ex-prisoner-of-**BOAC
Plane's
Atlantic Feat**Prestwick, Jan. 22.
With one of its four engines
unserviceable for the most part
of its trans-Atlantic journey, a
British Overseas Aircraft Cor-
poration Constellation with 20
people aboard made a perfect
landing at Prestwick airport to-
day.The plane, carrying eleven pas-
sengers and a crew of nine, left
Gander, Newfoundland, on its
way from New York to Prestwick
on Tuesday night.
Soon after taking off, the outer
starboard engine cut out and a
message was radioed to Prestwick,
where an ambulance and a fire-
tender waited for the plane.Captain R. Allen said: "We
were flying at 17,000 feet and
maintained that altitude all the
way. Only a few of the passen-
gers felt the changeover to
three engines but we could have
made the crossing on two en-
gines quite well."—Reuter.**A JOB FOR
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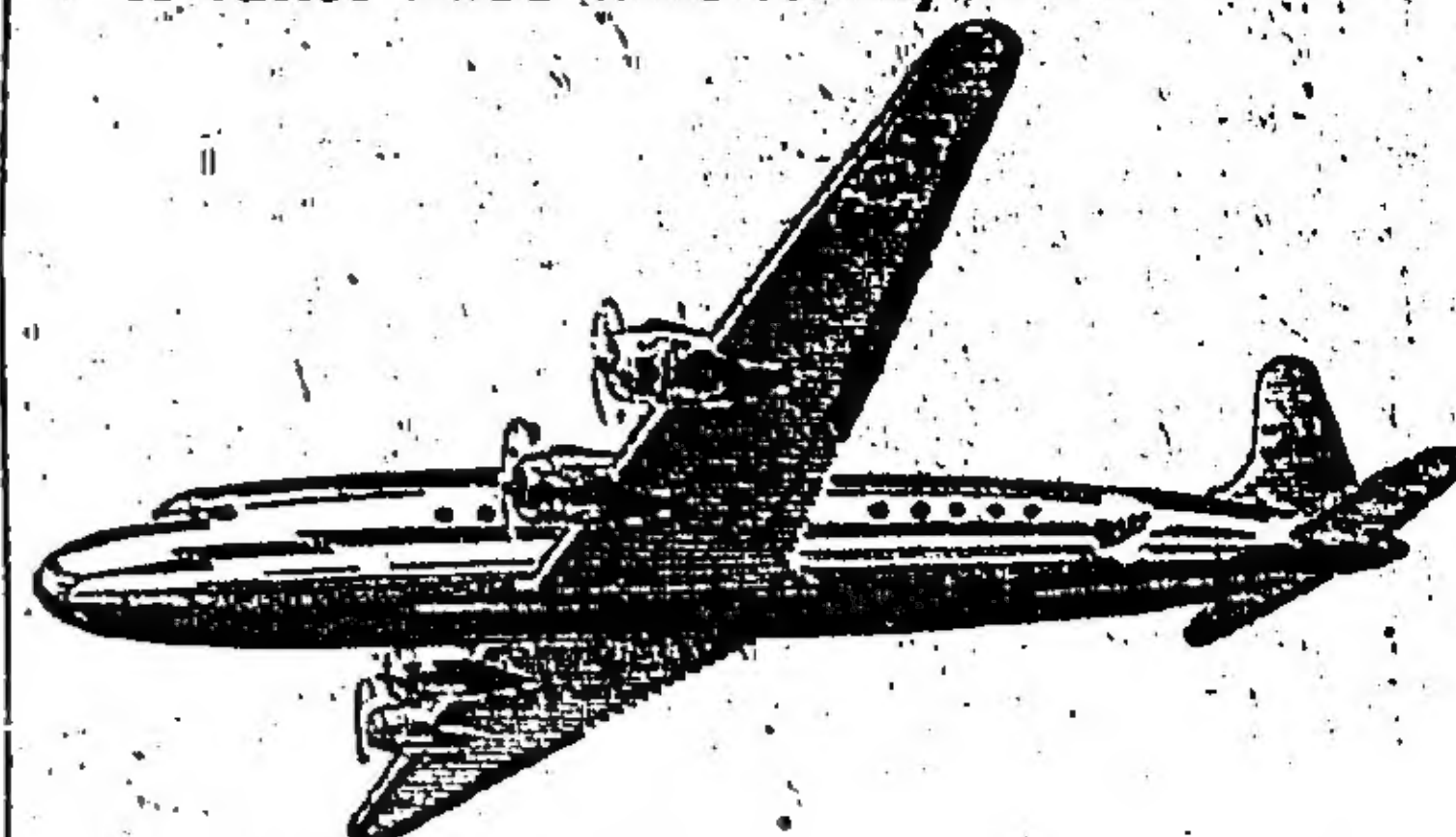
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CAPONE ILLMiami, Jan. 22.
Al Capone, former Chicago
gang leader, lying ill at his
villa here after an apopleptic
stroke, was reported by his
doctor last night to have rat-
tled and regained conscious-
ness."Scarface Capone" was re-
leased from prison in 1939
and since then has lived in
retirement at Miami. He was
sentenced in 1931 to 11 years
imprisonment for a \$20,000
tax evasion after he had es-
caped arrest for gangster
activities.—Reuter.**Yugoslavia
Withdraws
Attache**Athens, Jan. 22.
It was officially announced to-
day that Yugoslavia is with-
drawing her military attache
from Greece and has requested
Greece to withdraw her military attache
from Yugoslavia.It was understood that the
reason for the withdrawal ad-
vanced by Yugoslavia was that
the presence of military attache
in the respective capitals was
no longer considered necessary under
the existing state of diplomatic
relations between the two coun-
tries.This was a direct reference to
the withdrawal of the Yugoslav
ambassador from Greece last
September, since when Yugoslavia
has maintained a charge d'affaires
in Athens, while Greece has con-
tinued to be represented in Bel-
grade by an ambassador.Observers tend to connect the
latest Yugoslav move with the
fact that Yugoslavia has not yet
notified the Greek Government of
the names of the Yugoslav
United Nations Border Commis-
sion which is to meet in Athens
on Jan. 31.—Reuter.**"Queen"
Not At
Fault**London, Jan. 21.
The Queen Mary was
free from blame for the
collision in which the
crack 80,000 tons British
liner cut her escorting
cruiser Curacao in two
during the war, an Ad-
miralty Court decided
today.Dismissing with costs the
£1,500,000 action brought by
the Lords Commissioners and
the Admiralty against the
Canard White Star Company,
the judge said the collision was
solely due to the negligence of
those in the Curacao.The collision—off the coast
of Donegal in October 1942—
occurred in broad daylight in
fine clear weather, the judge
said.Contrary to some reports
there was no submarine or
other alarm in operation. "It
is abundantly clear that the
collision was one which ought
never to have been permitted
to happen," he declared.The £1,500,000 damages
sought included life claims for
338 officers and men when the
Curacao sank.—Reuter.**De Gaulle
Rejects
A Medal**Paris, Jan. 22.
General De Gaulle has
refused to accept the
military medal which
the French Government
has also proposed to pre-
sent to Mr. Winston
Churchill, Generalissimo
Stalin and the represen-
tative of the late Presi-
dent Roosevelt.The medal ranks above all
other French military distinc-
tions. His reasons were given in
a letter to M. Leon Blum, until
recently Prime Minister, pub-
lished this morning.General De Gaulle wrote: "The
acts which I accomplished were
carried out at a time when by
force of circumstances I exercised
the functions of minister of state
and those of chief of Govern-
ment.""It is obviously not conceivable
that a state or Government
should decorate themselves in the
person of those who personified
and directed them and for the
manner in which they did so."
"Let me add that for the man
who gave himself the mission of
leading France and the French
union since disaster and servitude
until victory and freedom, there
is no other acceptable 're-
compense' than that of having
succeeded."—Reuter.**Londoner's
Trek To
The Cape**Khartoum, Jan. 24.
Henry George Knight, aged
37, from Paddington, London,
has arrived here on a road and
rail-trek to South Africa.So far the journey has cost
him £160 including his food,
and entertainments, compared
with the £300 which is the
average cost of making the
trek by lorry.The train journey from Lon-
don to Marseilles, Knight said,
cost £48; steamer to Alexandria
(Third Class) £28; train from
Alexandria to Shellal (Egypt),
£8, and ticket through to the
Sudan which he bought through
an agency in London, £18.The first hitch occurred at
Khartoum, where he was told
on arrival Wednesday that the
Khartoum shipping office had
not been notified of his booking
and he would have to wait un-
til between Feb. 9 and 16 when
passages to the Cape are avail-
able.Knight has decided to join a
party of trekkers on their way
to Elizabethville, where they
can get direct rail connections
to South Africa.More trekkers arrived in
Khartoum this week. Twenty
people are now in a former
Army camp, including a nine-
months-old baby.—Associated
Press.

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ATTLEE STATEMENT ON ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE

London, Jan. 23.
Premier Clement Attlee told the House of Commons today that Britain was anxious to enter into negotiations for a treaty of alliance with France as soon as the new French Government was ready to do so.

In a statement on M. Leon Blum's recent visit to London Mr. Attlee said: "His Majesty's Government were very glad to welcome Mr. Blum to London once again. It provided an opportunity for a most useful exchange of views."

"Members will have seen from the communique issued at the conclusion of the visit that our discussion covered a wide field."

"Agreement was reached on a number of important questions, both political and economic and in particular it was agreed that a treaty of alliance should be concluded between the two countries at the earliest possible moment within the framework of Article 52 of the Charter of the United Nations with the object of preventing any further aggression by Germany and of preserving peace and security."

"There is no need for me to enlarge on the communique, but I would like to make it clear that the British Government are anxious to enter into negotiations for such a treaty of alliance as soon as the French Government is ready to do so."

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Mr. William Warbey, (Lab.) who has often criticised the Government's foreign policy, asked: "Will he make it clear that this proposed Anglo-French treaty, which will be warmly welcomed in all quarters of the House, is in no way a substitute for the Anglo-Soviet treaty and is intended to supplement the general system of European security of which the Anglo-Soviet treaty constitutes an essential part?"

The Prime Minister replied: "Obviously a treaty with one power cannot be a substitute for a treaty with another. Our French friends have a treaty with our Russian friends and we have and the more treaties of alliance we can get within the ambit of the United Nations the better for the peace of the world."

Mr. A.P. McKinley (Lab.) asked, amid loud laughter, if publicity would be given to the fact that the visit of Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General Staff, to Moscow was not aimed at the United States of America.

No reply was given. Mr. Attlee told another questioner that economic conversations between France and Britain were already proceeding—Reuter.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Following were yesterday's Hong Kong Stock Exchange quotations:

H.K. Govt. Loans: 4% Loan 107½; 3½% Loan (1934) 102½.

Banks: Hong Kong Bank 146½; 147½; H.K. (Lon. Reg.) 94½; Bank of East Asia 156.

Insurance: Canton Ins. 34½, 36½, 38½; Union Ins. 65½; China Underwriters 10; H.K. Fire Ins. 24½, 26½, 28½.

Shipping: Douglas & 20½; I.L.K. Steamboats 12½; Indo China (Perf) 32½; (Def.) 35½; Shell (Heavier) 56½; Union Waterworks 25½.

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The present total of 1,937,062 tons gross is also greater by 321,262 tons than the tonnage which was being built at the end of December 1945, and has not been exceeded since March 1922 when the total recorded was 2,235,998 tons.

There is a continued increase in tonnage for registration abroad or for sale, which has risen during 1946 from 105,000 tons at the end of March to 387,000 at the end of September.

It now stands at about 478,000 tons, or 24.7 per cent of the tonnage now being built in this country.

The tonnage of merchant vessels under construction abroad at the end of December was 1,741,419 tons gross, which is 47,138 tons more than at the end of September last.

World Total

The leading countries abroad are: The United States, Sweden, France, Holland, British Dominions, including Canada, Italy, Denmark and Spain.

The total tonnage under construction in the world (apart from Russia and Poland and ex-enemy states) amounts to 2,678,481 tons gross, of which 52.7 per cent is being built in Great Britain and Ireland.

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Reuter.

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STRINGS TO U.S. LOAN

Washington, Jan. 22.

China must "act her economic house in order" within the next five months if she is to get the United States rehabilitation and reconstruction loan of \$500,000,000. United States fiscal authorities have emphasized.

The Chinese Government must present detailed plans by the end of June, stating how she expects to use the credit, or the money will automatically revert to the Export and Import Bank's general fund, the officials said.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING

P. & O. B. I. & E. A. BILLS OF LADING

Messrs. Goddard & Douglas will attend at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays within the free storage period to survey damaged cargo, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present. Unless consignees' representatives are present at the Survey no claims can thereafter be admitted.

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Notice to Consignees "TEUCER"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs Goddard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on 25th & 27th Jan., 1947 and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1947.

Notice to Consignees

M.V. "PRIAM"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours 10 a.m. and 12 noon on 27th & 28th January, 1947, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1947.

Notice to Consignees

"MENELAUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours 10 a.m. and 12 noon on 24th & 25th January, 1947 and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1947.

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Chinese Agents, Connaught Road, C. No. 82, Tel. 25133.

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11th Feb. 12th Feb.

m.s. "TJIBADAR" Japan

11th Feb. 12th Feb.

m.s. "TJITALENGKA" Java ports Amoy/Shanghai

11th Feb. 12th Feb.

Ship due from Sailing for

m.s. "VAN HEUTS" Singapore Swatow & Amoy

4th Feb. 6th Feb.

ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION CO. LTD. (DELI STRAITS CHINA LINE)

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4th Feb. 6th Feb.

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s.s. "EDWARD BRUCE" Singapore Swatow & Amoy

25th Jan. 27th Jan.

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25th Feb. 1947. Rotterdam/Cebu

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ARRIVALS

S.S. "HANGSANG" from Sandakan 28th Jan.

IN PORT

S.S. "EMPIRE WITHAM" Custodian Wh

